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SUBJ: SITREP-- VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONGKONG

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1. TO DATE , 502 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED FROM HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DETENTION CAMPS LEAVING 3,407 STILL IN THE CAMPS. OF THESE, 215 HAVE GONE TO CANADA, 139 TO FRANCE, 77 TO THE US, FIVE EACH TO BELGIUM AND AUSTRALIA, AND ONE EACH TO TAIWAN AND NEW-ZEALAND, AND 59 HAVE REMAINED IN HONG KONG. A CHARTERED PLANE WITH 170 REFUGEES WILL DEPART FOR AUSTRALIA ON JUNE 19.

2. THE UNHCR REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (STATIONED IN BANGKOK) USAMAH KADRY WAS IN HONG KONG THIS WEEK. KADRY MET WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL AND WITH HKG AUTHORITIES AND ALSO VISITED THE REFUGEE CAMPS. BEGIN NOFORN ACCORDING TO HK ASSISTANT POLAD, KADRY WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN STATIONING A UNHCR OFFICIAL TEMPORARILY IN HONG KONG TO DEAL WITH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THE OFFICIAL, PROBABLY IVOR JAPCKSON, WOULD DEAL WITH ANY REFUGEES WHO MIGHT DESIRE TO RETURN TO SAIGON AND WITH REFUGEES WISHING TO GO TO COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE HKG HAS NOT YET DISCUSSED RESETTLEMENT POSSIBILITIES. THE HKG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDED THE UKG HAD NO OBJECTIONS AND
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THE PRC ALSO DID NOT APPEAR TO DISAPPROVE. HKG SEES THE

UNHCR ROLE IN DEALING WITH ANY POSSIBLE VIETNAMESE WISHING TO RETURN TO SAIGON AS A DESIRABLE BUFFER BETWEEN THE HKG AND THE NEW VIETNAM GOVERNMENT. IN DEALING WITH THIRD COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, THE HKG BELIEVES THAT IT HAS ALREADY SET IN MOTION ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR RESETTLEMENT AND DOES NOT WISH THE UNHCR TO BECOME INVOLVED IN, OR TO COMPLICATE, THESE INITIATIVES. END NOFORN

3. WE ARE PROVIDING ICEM WITH PAROLE LETTERS AND I-94S FOR THE TWO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES DESTINED FOR FORT CHAFFEE (HK 6554 AND PREVIOUS) AND ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL DEPART HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.
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